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Applicant: Mark S. Ortiz et al. : Paper No:

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For: SINGLE LUMEN ANASTOMOSIS APPLIER FOR SELF-DEPLOYING FASTENER

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated January 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Reconsideration is requested in light of the amendments and remarks presented below. Additionally, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for a total of one (1) month.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.